

Regarding the Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of informality in paragraph [0033]. This informality is corrected on the following amended copy of paragraph [0033]. No new matter is being added by this change.

The specification was also objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter as the floatation enhancing media being an air-tight bladder, as set forth in claim 10, was not specifically set forth in the specification. The pertinent text of claim 10 is inserted as a newly presented paragraph on the attached amendment pages.

Regarding the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 15-20 with out prejudice. The applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter contained in these claims in other applications or to reintroduce them into this application if she deems it appropriate. These claims are show as canceled on the attached listing of claims in this application.

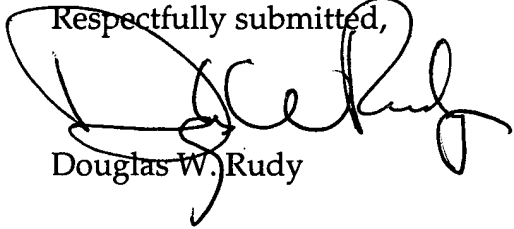
Claims 1-4 and 15-20 are rejected under various combinations of art. These claims have been canceled thus there is no reason to address the various rejections in this response.

Remarks

The applicant appreciates the work the Examiner put into examining this application. Allowance of claims 5-14 is appreciated. It is believed that all the Examiner's objections have been addressed and this application should now be in

condition for allowance, subject to approval of the drawings presented herewith.
Formal drawings will be submitted in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,


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